THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government has not received any information from the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra State about the sub-standard drugs of 97 companies of which 48 units are outside the State of Maharashtra.

Expiry date for use of anti leprosy drugs at Baghbazare Depot

2746. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-leprosy drugs costing lakhs of rupees became time barred at Baghbazare Depot at Calcutta during 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that several other depots in the country were facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not bringing in use the anti-leprosy drugs at Baghbazare depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no Central Government Medical Store Depot at Baghbazar, Calcutta.

(b) According to reports, no Central Government Medical Store Depot in the country is facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, does not arise.

Establishment of National Institute of maternal and child health

2747. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish National Institute of Maternal and Child Health during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, which are the locations suggested by different States in this regard;

(c) what decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if no decision has been taken, by when it is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Locations suggested are: Nagpur in Maharashtra, Bhiwani in Haryana, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Jodhpur in Rajasthan, Trivandrum in Kerala, Calcutta and Kalyani in West Bengal, Patiala in Punjab and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Observations made in the Lentin Commission Report

2748. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the ansnwer to Unstarred Question No. 1878 given in Rajya Sabha on 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has since examined the Lentin Commission report;

(b) if so, what are the main observations made in the Report;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain specific conclusions have been drawn about the working of Drugs Control Administration as well as poor standard of medicines;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of consumers in the light of the Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The main observation of the report deal with stricter enforcement of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, proper monitoring of testing labs, prompt action on substandard/spurious drugs, rigid inspection and insistence upon the requirement of testing facilities, streamlining procurement, distribution and recalling of drugs.

(e) The State Chief Ministers and the State Drug Control Authorities have been advised to tighten Drug Control measures, strengthen their staff, set up full fledged testing laboratories, resort to rigid inspection of manufacturing premises and ensure that provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules are stringently enforced especially in respect of reports of sub-standard drugs.

In respect of Glycerine in particular, they were urged to make sure that Glycerine used by drug manufacturers in formulations is tested for the absence of Diethylene Glycols and other Glycols which are toxic.

12.00 NOON

RESIGNATION BY A MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a letter from Shri Arun Singh, a Member representing the State of Uttar Pradesh, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from today, the 17th August, 1988.

(Interruptions)

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (Tamil Nadu): Has he given any reasons?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has not given any reason whatsoever.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): You have to satisfy yourself that it is not a resignation under duress. Have you satisfied yourself that he has resigned of his own free will?

(Interruptions)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal: A gentleman politician cannot remain with them. It has been proved by the resignation of Mr. Arun Singh.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. No. Please sit down. This is not permitted. After the resignation has been accepted by the Chairman, it is final. No more questions.

(Interruptions)

Nothing will go on record and no Member has a right to question the decision of the Chairman.

(Interruptions)

I am satisfied. I know the provisions of the Constitution. I took time. I contacted him. I wanted him to come and speak to me. It was only when I was completely satisfied that he has not written under duress that I accepted his resignation. His signatures are there. Everything is there. I am satisfied and the thing is final.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (3) of section 14A of the Aircraft Act, 1934, a copy each in (English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Aviation:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 399, dated the 14th May, 1988, publishing the Aircraft (1st Amendment) Rules, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 498, dated the 18th June, 1988, publishing the Aircraft (2nd Amendment) Rules, 1988.